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Please consider the references listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed; cited U.S. patents and patent application publications will be provided on request. A copy of the European Search Report for the corresponding European application, dated November 5, 2008, is also enclosed.

English abstracts for the Japanese references (1 and 3) are enclosed along with the Japanese patents.

Under 35 USC §120, this application relies on the earlier filing date of application serial number 10/309,477, filed on December 4, 2002. References 5-16 were submitted to the Office in the prior application and, therefore, are not provided in this application.

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